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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: